

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the St. Louis City NAACP, which will host the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Freedom Fund Dinner on November 14, 2003, at the Renaissance Grand Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, the Annual Freedom Fund Dinner will feature guest speaker Dr. Julianne Malveaux, a renowned author, economist, and commentator, and will honor a select group of worthy individuals who include the Honorable Ronnie L. White, the first African-American Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court; the Honorable Clyde S. Cahill, Jr., one of the first African-Americans to be appointed to both the Circuit and District Courts in Missouri; the Honorable Theodore McMillian, the first African-American appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Judicial Circuit; Commissioner Kelvin Simmons, the first African-American appointed Chairman of the Missouri Public Service Commission; and the late Paula J. Carter, Missouri State Senator from the 5<sup>th</sup> District; and

**Whereas**, special words of commendation go out to dinner leadership for the event including Honorary Chair, Mark Lamping, President of the St. Louis Cardinals; Dinner Chair, Johnny Furr, Jr., Vice President of Sales and Development of Anheuser-Busch, Incorporated; and Mrs. Frankie M. Freeman, Chair of the Freedom Fund Committee; and

**Whereas**, funds raised through the Annual Freedom Fund Dinner will enable the St. Louis City NAACP to continue to undertake its current programs of voter education, housing, and prison reform, as well as the furthering of equal employment and educational opportunities; and

**Whereas**, for more than ninety-three years the NAACP has been built on the individual and collective courage of thousands of individuals of all races, nationalities, and religious denominations, who were united on the premise that all men and women are truly created equal; and

**Whereas**, founded by Ida Wells-Barnett, W.E.B. DuBois, Henry Moscowitz, Mary White Ovington, Oswald Garrison Villard, and William English Walling, the NAACP enjoys distinction as the oldest civil rights organization in this country:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to all the dedicated members and leaders of the St. Louis City NAACP as they proudly host the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Freedom Fund Dinner, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue their efforts to promote the aims and purposes of the NAACP; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the St. Louis City NAACP.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway  
District No. 87

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Representative Connie L. Johnson  
District No. 61

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and

correct copy of House Resolution No. 4627, adopted  
November 12, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker